

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on August 11, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13, 16-27 and 29-31.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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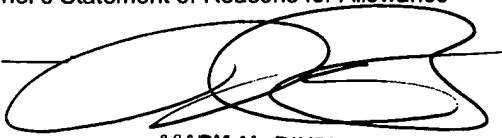
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-13, 16-27, 29-31 are allowable over the prior art of records.
2. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1, 9, 20, 16, 19-20, 24, 29-31, are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior arts, cited in its entirety, or in combination, do not teach wherein a receiver in the simultaneous bi-directional port having input hysteresis, the output node including an input node coupled to the output node of the driver and the input hysteresis having a threshold set such that the initial voltage value does not change an output state of the receiver (claims 1, 31); the driver comprise a pullup transistor having an output impedance, and a pull-down transistor having an output impedance the output impedance of the pull-up transistor being greater than the output impedance of the pull-down transistor (claims 9, 19, 29); the receiver includes hysteresis sufficient to allow the receiver to change state only after both the output of the driver and the output node of the second simultaneous bidirectional port circuit are asserted (claims 16, 30); a synchronization circuit to be coupled to the second synchronization circuit on the second integrated circuit, to indicate when the initialization of the simultaneous bidirectional port and an initialization of the second simultaneous bidirectional port is complete (claim 20); wherein output nodes of the first and second data drivers are coupled in common with input nodes of the first and second data receivers, the and the output nodes of the first and second synchronization drivers are coupled in common with input nodes of the first and second synchronization of the receivers (claim 24).

The remaining claims, not specifically mentioned, are allowed for the same rationale as set for their dependency.

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3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Raymond Phan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3630. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30AM-4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on (571) 272-3632 or via e-mail addressed to mark.rinehart@uspto.gov. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 746-7239.

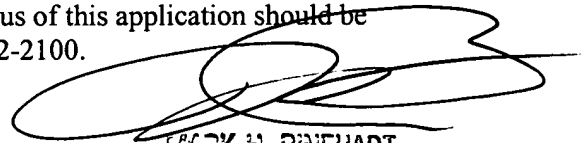
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